

State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
1041 Technology Park Drive
Glen Allen, Virginia
February 10, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Allen Yee, Chair	Dr. James Dudley	Gary Brown	Chris Stevenson
Paul Davenport	Carol Lee Fisher-Strickler	Scott Winston	Harinder Dhindsa
Ed Brazle		Tim Perkins	Marilyn McLeod
Ken Burchell		Wanda Street	Darryl Lazar
Brian Solada		Michael Berg	Susan Smith
Mark Holden		George Lindbeck	Anita Ashby
Erik Rohde			Jay Cullen
R. N. Possumato			Tim Hodge
Mindy Carter			Allan Belcher
			Krista Henderson
			Garrett Wymer
			Bruce Edwards

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Allen Yee.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the October 28, 2010 minutes:	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The motion was moved by Paul Davenport and seconded by Brian Solada.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:	Dr. Yee is pleased that the air medical system is receiving positive support through the STEMI program as evident by recent articles. He hopes to receive the same with the Stroke program. The articles will be emailed shortly.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff/Other:	Bruce gave a brief update on the telecommunications issue. About eight months ago, he approached the Board of Health to ask them to endorse a request to the Governor’s office to go to the FOIA Council about rewriting the law on holding the Advisory Board meetings electronically via phone, web, etc. This is parallel to the Governor’s Reform which looked at ways the government can operate more efficiently. There were 107 recommendations on the preliminary report and one of them was to change the way the state meets. However; this was not a legislative agenda item this year in the General Assembly but hopefully it will make legislature next year.	

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	<p>Bruce also suggested that the committee plan to have another retreat to find out where the committee is and what needs to be done in order to stay on course. There have also been some FAA changes that need to be reviewed.</p> <p>The OEMS Strategic Plan was revised and more detail was added. This Plan is revised every three years and the Board of Health reviewed it and it was approved by the Commissioner. The OEMS Strategic Plan will be posted on the OEMS website.</p> <p>Tim thanked everyone for their attendance today. He stated that this meeting has the most system attendance that he has seen in quite some time.</p> <p>He also stated that he has received information from everyone for the Medevac Resource document and the finished product will be released within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>There are potentially eight Medevac classes being taught at the 2011 EMS Symposium which constitutes a Medevac Track. It is very important for the EMS providers to learn as much as they can about Virginia's Air Medical System.</p> <p>Michael Berg reported that the 12 VAC 566 DDNR Regulations have remained with the Governor for 162 days. The Office has been informed that no new regulations are being signed by the Governor at this time unless it has an immediate impact on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The 12 VAC 531 EMS Regulations, which Medevac worked so diligently on, are with Dr. Remley awaiting her approval. She had some concerns about leaving the Patient Care Report at the receiving facility in less than 24 hours.</p> <p>Nevena Skoro has left since the last Medevac meeting and her position cannot be filled at this time. So that hinders OEMS' ability to provide data to the requestors.</p> <p>Gary stated that the Quarterly Report has not yet been posted on the website but should be posted by tomorrow. OEMS is lead on a couple of legislative bills at the General Assembly; one is HB 1675 to amend the code language in regard to submission of applications for variances and exemptions and the other is HB 2279 relating to EMS personnel certifications regarding medical service in the armed forces by taking the state written practical test to quality for certification.</p> <p>Dr. Yee asked how the Line of Duty Death Act affects air medical services. Scott stated that it depends on how the entity is recognized by the local governing body as an official part of the public safety program. More information will be sent out concerning this.</p>	<p>Tim will send the Line of Duty Death Act information to the agency heads.</p>
Virginia WeatherShare Program Development Update/Safety Work Group Update – Paul Davenport:	<p>Paul reported that the draft development of the LZ information will soon be available in the WeatherSAFE program. A link will be added to look at the helipad information of your choice and the hospitals will be charged with keeping their information updated. Better and more current data will be added. An announcement will be given out when this is complete. They are also adding a question on the weather turndown form. This will better track helicopter shopping. VHHA will be funding all of these changes. Also, the Disaster and MCI response component has been discussed and will soon go live. It will require entering your activation on an MCI</p>	

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	<p>from the regional RHCC. A drill will be scheduled this Spring once the module is complete. A flashing, audible alert will be shown when an incident is populated. More information will be forthcoming on this. VDEM is also in on this process.</p> <p>A 2010 Medevac Review has been created. Page one shows the quarterly and yearly submission totals. Page two shows the submissions by program. Fairfax and Virginia Beach Police Departments are active and had a few turndowns that are unable to be seen on the chart. US Park Police and MedFlights do not have any submissions for the year. Page three shows the quarterly turndowns by program and page four is the quarterly and yearly total of helicopter shopping which is close to 60 incidents.</p> <p>Paul will put together an executive summary to go with the slides to present to the Governor's Advisory Board tomorrow.</p> <p>If there are any problems or issues when using WeatherSafe, please let Paul know.</p> <p>There is no report for the Safety Workgroup.</p>	
Project Remley:	<p>Brian Solada will focus on the "How to Activate Air Medical Services" portion of the project. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist Brian, please let him know.</p> <p>An access of care map has been created for this project. It shows each system's service area within a 50 mile radius which is a 20-25 minute flight time.</p> <p>The Injury Prevention portion of the project has not been completed. Paul Davenport stated that most systems keep this information for CAMTS accreditation purposes. A survey will be sent out to capture what each system does for injury prevention.</p>	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:	<p>Susan reported that Nightingale received its IRB approvals and Chris Cannon arranged some training sessions; so Wellmont One, Nightingale and LifeGuard have exceeded the goal, for the grant, of holding 9 classes within the first six month period. Also, all of the data has been completed for the baseline period of January through June. A conference call is scheduled with the Medevac International Foundation on Friday. At the November EMS Symposium, Anita educated 69 providers. So far to date a total of 519 providers have been educated across the state. On March 3, Susan and Anita will be presenting at the Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee meeting. The website is the next priority. The next step is the finish the July to December data. Dr. Yee asked if there was any inter-facility transport data out there. Paul Davenport stated that there may be something in the National Standards.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Ken Burchell, US Park Police – Some personnel changes have been made. Lt. Mike Libby took over about 6 months ago. They have 2 new online rescue technicians. They are having a hard time keeping up with the changes in radio frequencies. If your program has changed frequencies, please let them know so that they can be programmed into the radios. Ken will find out why they are not using the WeatherSafe program.</p> <p>Brian Solada, Air Methods/LifeEvac – Four new pilots have been hired within the past two months. Two medic openings may be coming up within the next 4 to 6 months.</p>	

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	<p>Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach Police – No report.</p> <p>R. N. Possumato, VSP – No report.</p> <p>Paul Davenport, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – Krista Henderson is back with Carilion as their Performance Improvement Manager and Safety Officer. Air Methods hired a Program Aviation Manager, Jim McKinley and he may be attending the meetings periodically. Dr. Carol Gilbert will be the Interim Medical Director for Trauma Services at Roanoke. An updated Carilion helipad policy has been sent out. A concerned network submission will be sent soon concerning faulty fuel control valves (Model 145).</p> <p>Erik Rohde, PHI - Fairfax Hospital has continuing construction on the south tower. Everything is going great and no incidents have been reported. An additional helipad is opening at the hospital at the Heart and Vascular Institute and the final stages of certification are in process. A Learjet 31 has been introduced in the Louisville Region. Erik spoke about the New Year's eve accident and stated that PHI was in the normal traffic pattern and is very thankful for the outcome. He thanked Paul and others for reaching out to them.</p> <p>Mark Holden, Wings Air Rescue – No report.</p> <p>Harinder Dhindsa, VCU/LifeEvac – No report.</p> <p>Chris Stevenson, VCU – Continuing to operate with a big red crane which will probably be there for the next two years.</p> <p>Marilyn McCloud, CentraOne – No report.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – Susan shared a success story that occurred a few weeks ago where two systems were on a call to the same hospital for the same person (Wings was the other system). The air to air frequency was followed and Wings answered back, they were 20 miles apart. The 24 hour shifts have been discontinued as of January 1. Also effective January 1, they have a weight policy.</p> <p>Anita Ashby, WellmontOne – No report.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	None.	
New Business:	None.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:26 a .m.	The next meeting will be May 12, 2011 at 10:00am at 1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059.